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His Excellency João Ura de Matos Proença
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Dear Ambassador Proença,

Further to the communiqué issued by the Porteguese government on December 15, 1989, regarding the exploitation of oil in the "Timor Gap", I respectfully urge your government to take this matter to the International Court of Justice without delay.

The agreement that Australia signed with Indonesia is clearly a violation of international law and of the United Nations Charter. Moreover, if the "Timor Gap" agreement is accepted by the international community, Indonesia's long running diplomatic battle to legitimise their annexation of East Timor will be won.

As a Parliamentarian concerned for the future of the people of East Timor, I feel the time has come to stand up for their rights.

Best regards,
Sincerely,

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